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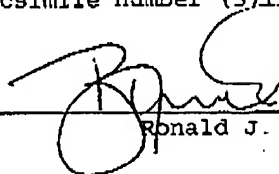
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated
January 6, 2009.

In the Action, restriction is required among:

- (I) Claims 1-15 and 18-21, identified in the Action as
being directed to a biodegradable substrate;
- (II) Claim 16, identified in the Action as being
directed to a prosthetic material for tissue
regeneration; and

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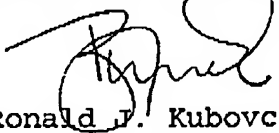
(III) Claim 17, identified in the Action as being
directed to a cultured tissue.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), claims 1-15
and 18-21, for prosecution in this application. This election is
made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants'
rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional
application directed to the non-elected subject matter are
retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response
to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009. A favorable action on
the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order
and is respectfully solicited.

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